

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 and 10-30 are pending. Claim 9 has been cancelled. Claim 11 has been amended to correct its dependency.

For the record: Before the application was filed and before the inventor signed the declaration, the undersigned was instructed to delete claim 9. Through an oversight, claim 9 remained when the application was filed. Shortly thereafter, the undersigned was reminded to cancel claim 9. A preliminary amendment was prepared one week after the application was filed, but filing of the preliminary amendment was deferred until the application number was known. This preliminary amendment belatedly addresses the oversight.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney to answer any questions or to discuss steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. C. Sereboff', written over a horizontal line.

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